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- 1. The membership of the new Central Party<sup>1</sup> is partially composed of former members of the Bangkok Municipal Council who belong to the Luang Yukasewi Wiwat group which was unseated upon the election of Khun Lert Damrikan to the position of Lord Mayor of Bangkok on 2 November 1950.
- 2. An active worker in the Central Party is Chip Uthaichaloem who is of mixed Chinese and Thai parentage. He is the comer of the Intrasuksan Private School. Another prominent member is Machaoroen Phuttanakun, manager of a private school. Karm Ratanasaka is also a Party member.

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Comment. According to information available to this office, Central Party membership includes some supporters of former premier Pridi Phanomyong and some opportunists. Saraphai Phiphat, the Party's special advisor, is suspected of Communist leanings.

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